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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Hartselle, Alabama, the "City of Southern Hospitality," welcomes the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile with open arms and optimistic ambitions. AT&T's application to acquire T-Mobile from Deutsche Telekom, which currently sits before the FCC in Docket Number 11-65, would bring significant and noteworthy benefits to rural parts of Alabama and the Hartselle community.

As a small southern town with a little under 5,000 families, Hartselle is a perfect example of the type of place that stands to benefit most from this merger. We deserve fast and reliable wireless broadband and through this merger, AT&T will deliver. By investing an additional \$8 billion dollars in infrastructure upgrades and network expansion, the new AT&T will cover an extra 55 million Americans and one million more square miles. This impressive increase in wireless broadband capacity will lead to significant benefits in many facets of American life.

For starters, our local businesses and industries will see improvements in their ability to digitally market themselves and contact new customers. Schools in rural or secluded parts of the country will be able to tap into modern teaching techniques and distance-learning tools. Hospitals and healthcare providers could practice innovative medical monitoring to increase comfort without sacrificing a high level of personal care. These advancements will create a stronger economy, a more educated population, and an overall healthier community.

As you can see, this merger will usher in many benefits to the community of Hartselle and the surrounding areas. On a more personal note, however, and as a T-Mobile customer, I would like to see a clear path to universal 4G LTE coverage. If this merger is approved, my service will improve and my call quality will become more reliable. In fact, both my wife and I, like many Americans, use our smartphones for voice service and our digital tablets to transfer data and surf the web. As more and more people start using technology in this way, we will become more reliant on universal wireless broadband and this merger will become even more palatable.

I ask that you carefully consider these factors and please do not hesitate to contact me for more details.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dwight Tankersley".
Dwight Tankersley, Mayor
Hartselle, Alabama

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